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1. 50X1 the Hoof and Mouth Disease Institute on the Island of Riems, off the coast of Greifswald, Germany (Soviet Zone) is now supplying the vaccine requirements 50X1 for control of hoof and mouth disease in Latvian SSR, and presumably the rest of European USSR. Dr. Waldmann (fnu) is working at this institute, 50X1 Dr. Waldmann, as well as Dr. Sven Schmidt, currently with the Statens Seruminstitute, Copenhagen, Denmark, developed a vaccine against hoof and mouth disease in which the virus is adsorbed on aluminum hydroxide.

2. The heaviest outbreak of hoof and mouth disease in Latvia, 50X1 took place in 1914-1915, wherein the majority of the cattle population belonging to World War I refugees was destroyed. Hoof and mouth disease, 50X1 following World War I, was unknown in independent Latvia. However, two serious outbreaks occurred in 1923 and 1930, which were controlled by the military forces surrounding the infected area and liquidating the diseased cattle. At that time it was determined that the virus was brought into Latvia with grain imported from the USSR.

3. Until 1944, maintained a completely equipped laboratory at the State Institute of Serotherapy at Ilgeseems, Latvia to produce 50X1 reconvalescent /sic/serum in the event of further hoof and mouth disease epidemics. 50X1 assume it 50X1 has been abandoned with the advent of the Serum Institute on the Island of 50X1 Riems in the Baltic Sea.

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